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5. The web according to Claim 2 wherein said central zone has a plurality of apertures, wherein each of said apertures having an effective size of at least 1.0 square millimeter.

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12. A method of forming a bonded nonwoven web, said method comprising the steps of

- a) bonding the web in a first or central zone with a bonded area;
- b) bonding the web in at least one second or outer zone with a bonded area greater than the bonded area of the central zone;
- c) aperturing the central zone such that the central zone has a plurality of apertures, wherein each of said apertures having an effective size of at least 0.2 square millimeters.

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14. The method of Claim 12 wherein each of said apertures have an effective size of at least 1.0 square millimeter.